

Farm Home Hints

By Ruth Current

A penny in a fuse socket can set the house afire. Many people still are unaware of the danger of overheating wires by replacing a burned-out fuse with a penny.

The fuse is a protection. When it "blows," it warns that wires are over loaded — that is, more electricity is being carried than the circuit can handle safely. The trouble may be using too many appliances on one circuit, or some defect in an appliance, a cord or the wiring. The burning out of the fuse cuts off the current, thus avoiding fires from overheating hidden wires.

If a penny replaces the fuse, the cause of the trouble is not corrected. The circuit still is overloaded, and the wires may become so hot that their insulation may begin to smolder. Overloaded wires have smoldered inside house walls for some days before they have been discovered. Fires in the night or when families are away often have

been traced to such a start.

Every home should have extra fuses of the right size conveniently near the service box where they can be ready if a fuse blows. To prevent trouble, wiring should be inspected and approved by a qualified inspector and then re-inspected every few years.

The housewife as well as her husband should be familiar with the size of wires and fuses recommended for the home. The National Electrical Code now recommends No. 12 wire for general home wiring for lights and small appliances rather than the No. 14 wire used in the past. No. 12 is large enough for most electric appliances except heavier items like range, water heater and clothes drier. These take special outlets and circuits.

The right size fuse protects the wire. For light circuits, a 15 ampere fuse is recommended. Appliance circuits take a 20-ampere fuse. This information will be stamped on the metal at the bottom of the fuse.

Miss Marie Corbett Weds Donald Fowler On Saturday Evening

Miss Florence Marie Corbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Corbett of Zebulon, and Joseph Donald Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Onnie Fowler of Zebulon, were united in marriage Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Zebulon, Baptist Church. The Rev. Carlton T. Mitchell, pastor of the bride, performed the double-ring ceremony.

A program of nuptial music was preceding the ceremony by Miss Elizabeth Salmon, organist and Mrs. C. T. Mitchell, soloist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father wore a gown of candlelight satin with a round neckline and fitted bodice. Long sleeves ended in points over the hands. The cathedral train fell from a fully gathered redingote. Her cathedral length veil of imported illusion fell from a Queen Ann's headdress of the illusion, trimmed with pearls and lace; the lace forming the edge of the entire veil. She carried a prayer book topped with an orchid.

Miss Jean Corbett, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a fuchsia taffeta dress with a full gathered skirt. Her headdress was fashioned like that of the bride's. She carried a nosegay of mixed flowers.

The bridesmaids were Miss Joyce Young, cousin of the bride, and Miss Fay Privette, both of Zebulon. They wore orchid taffeta dresses with headdresses fashioned like the bride's. Their nosegays were of mixed flowers.

Mr. Fowler was attended by Connie Mack Bunn of Zebulon as best man.

Ushers were Roy Lee Medlin, cousin of the bride, of Raleigh, Lenwood and Hursell Fowler, brothers of the groom, of Zebulon and Wendell, and Charles Lewis of Dahlgreen, Virginia.

For traveling, the bride wore a wine velvet suit with black suede accessories and the orchid from her prayer book.

Cotton Crop Small

This year's cotton crop in North Carolina probably will be the smallest since 1875. Average lint yield per acre is estimated at 173 pounds — 86 pounds below the average last year, 200 pounds below the 10 year average, and the smallest per-acre yield since 1872.

New Idea Is Tried By Transylvania County Farmer

A Transylvania County farmer is trying a new idea in the production of Christmas trees.

Walter Hart of Brevard observed that Christmas trees generally are used for about two weeks during the Yule season and are then thrown away. The thought struck him that perhaps some families would like to use a living Christmas tree and after the holidays plant it about the grounds as an ornamental tree.

Last Spring Hart set out 1,000 blue spruce and 2,000 Norway spruce seedlings which he bought from a private nursery. He spaced the seedlings three feet by three feet. When they are ready for harvesting, he plans to lift them with the roots on, set them in individual pots, and sell them as living Christmas trees.

These dual-purpose trees will be trimmed in the house for a brief period during the holiday and can then be replanted outside.

According to John E. Ford, forestry specialist for the State College Extension Service, Hart has several idle acres of hillside with a northern exposure. He intends to develop this area into a Christmas tree plantation by setting out a few thousand spruce each year.

N. C. Board Approves Five Bills Concerning Deserters of Families

A public meeting in Raleigh last week endorsed five bills proposed by the Domestic Relations Commission for recommendation to the 1951 General Assembly, including one which would provide for measures to be taken against husbands and fathers who desert their families and flee into other states.

Other bills endorsed at the meeting, which was held in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol and sponsored by the Domestic Relations Commission, would require proper provision for the care of children before their parents are granted a final divorce decree; make parents of children born out of wedlock responsible for the support of such children until they reach the age of 18 years, instead of the 14 years presently provided; and spell out provisions for the appointment and responsibilities of personal guardians of minors or incompetents.

Dr. Robert Lee of Wake Forest Law School, vice chairman of the Commission, who presided over the meeting, states that the new bill for forcing husbands and fathers to support their families, even when they had fled to other states, would be reciprocal in nature. "Its effectiveness," he said, "will depend upon whether other states pass it and apply it as we are recommending that North Carolina do."

The bill would provide that, under proper procedures, a court in another state could order a North Carolinian who had deserted his family, and fled to that state, to contribute to the support of his family. Passage of the law would also mean that North Carolina courts would take the same action against family deserters taking refuge in this state. The process would not eliminate extradition of such deserters, according to Dr. Lee, but is designed to make its use unnecessary. The bill is being sponsored throughout the nation by the Commission for Uniform State Laws and the Council of State Governments.

Native of Missouri Joins Extension Staff

Doris Dudley Brown, graduate of the University of Missouri and Harvard University, has joined the staff of the State College Extension Service as a farm management specialist, it was announced this week by Dr. H. Brooks James, head of the College's Department of Agricultural Economics.

Brown, who will also do some teaching in farm management and agricultural economics, is a native of Richmond, Mo. He holds a B. S. in agriculture and an M. A. in agricultural extension from the University of Missouri and a Master's in public administration from Harvard University. In addition, he has completed work at Harvard for a doctorate in public administration except for his thesis.

He served as farm agent in Warren and Marion counties, Missouri, from 1935 to 1946, and as extension farm management specialist for the University of Missouri from 1946 until he came to N. C. State this fall.

Brown was a leader in developing Missouri's widely known system of "balanced farming." He is the author of an extension bulletin on that subject, published in 1947.

COTTON QUIZ

WHAT IS THE MOST POPULAR TYPE OF AWNING FOR SUMMER HEAT PROTECTION?



ANSWER: **AMERICAN HOMEOWNERS PREFER CANVAS AWNINGS TO OVERALL OTHER TYPES, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY A LEADING NATIONAL HOME IMPROVEMENT MAGAZINE.**

76,000,000 Eggs

During August, farm flocks in North Carolina produced 76 million eggs. This was an increase of 8.6 per cent over production during the same month last year.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Earl V. Bell, late of Wake County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of October, 1951, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

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